



seeking:
*How do we
begin again?*

MARCH 5, 2023, 10:30 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Meditation from Lift High the Cross

arr. Janet Linker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Kip Fowler

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world
but that the world might be saved through him.

God's love endures forever!

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God's love endures forever! Let us worship God.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Lift High the Cross* Hymn 826

† *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are remorseful. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:
There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.
No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven.
Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

Join me in saying:
We belong to God. We are held in God's love. We are made new. Amen.

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Gloria Patri **Hymn 581**

THE WORD

A TIME OF WONDER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-8

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18

SERMON

“The Cross and Nothing But the Cross”

Rev. Dr. Larry Ruby



HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymn 216



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows,
who welcomes our questions,
who invites us to begin again.**

**We believe that Jesus showed us a new way,
a deeper faith, a more compassionate existence.**

**We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation,
and that no matter how many times we lose our way,
God always welcomes us home. Amen.**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please place your offering in the tray at the back of the sanctuary
as you exit after worship or consider giving online at www.glenshawchurch.org.*

OFFERTORY

Balm in Gilead

arr. Mark Shepperd

Chancel Choir

Doug Orr, tenor soloist



DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal Page 35

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† SENDING HYMN *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* Hymn 816

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.

Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary.

Seek the good in every person you pass.

Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.

As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.

In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* from Lift High the Cross arr. Janet Linker

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WORSHIP NOTES

WE WANT TO WELCOME THE REV. DR. LARRY RUBY to Glenshaw this morning. Although he retired in July of 2016 after 41 years of pastoral ministry, he much prefers serving the Lord in active ministry. Since then he has served as Interim Pastor at Mt. Vernon Community PC, Jefferson UPC in Jefferson Hills, and Hampton UPC. Prior to that he served 14 years as Senior Pastor of Hiland Presbyterian Church in the North Hills. His wife of 51 years, Linda, is also a retired Pastor, currently serving as Pastor of Whitehall Presbyterian Church. They have four grown children and nine grandchildren whose families are scattered around the world in London, Baltimore, Tampa, and New York City.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of god in loving memory of **Molly Missey**— wife, mother, daughter. Given by her husband and children.

LENTEN PARAMENTS

The Lenten paraments are crafted in a batik fabric, in various hues of purple - the color used during our two seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent). Emphasizing this season of simplicity, the Table paraments include no additional decoration or symbols. The lectern parament and the pastor's stole are emblazoned with the "passion cross." The pointed ends of the cross evoke the spear that pierces Jesus side at his crucifixion. These paraments provide a stark contrast to the splendor of the paraments for the Season of Easter.

VISITORS, please **complete a visitor card found** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are glad to have you worship with us!

WE RECORD OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE. We invite each member of your family in attendance to sign the friendship pad at the end of each pew. We are glad to have you worship with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PER CAPITA for 2023 is \$35.70

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

Is it time for your spring cleaning? Do you have any unwanted treasures? The Deacons are planning our second outside flea market set for **July 15th** to raise funds for our ongoing mission work. You will be able to purchase a space to sell you own items, but if you do not care to do that, you may participate by **donating your things** to the Deacon's sale tables. We will start collecting any **household items March 1st** until the sale date. You may bring them to the designated tables in the basement of the church in **the bowling alley**. Please note **we are not** collecting any clothing! Contact Kathy Luft or Diana Long with any questions and we thank you!!

THE NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE REMINDER

Join us to help serve our chicken dinner and dessert on **THURSDAY, MARCH 9th** at 800 Main Street, Sharpsburg PA 15215. Please be there by 5:45. Thank you!

GPC BOOK CLUB

All meetings at 7:00 p.m.

April 5, 2023

The Pioneers by David McCullough, 352 pages (Ruthann Martin),
Hostess – Sue Phillips, 412-720-1216, at S.
Phillips's home.

May 3, 2023

The Vanishing Half by Britt Bennett, 354 pages, (Jane Hackett),
Hostess – Audrey Clifton, 412-213-0678, GPC Parlor

June 7, 2023

One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow by Olivia Hawker, 496 pages, (Sue Phillips),
Hostess – Laura Davidson, 412-915-0633

CHANCEL FLOWERS

We are now accepting orders for chancel flowers to brighten our sanctuary during our Sunday services. The cost to sponsor both arrangements dedicated to a loved one, to the Glory of God, or any dedication so desired each week is \$55. **To order flowers, please contact Jennifer in the church office** by calling 412-486-8400 ext. 110 or emailing jennifer@glenshawchurch.org by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before your desired Sunday

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

March 5, 2023 - Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

TUESDAY

March 7, 2023

- 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting
- 7:00 PM Communications Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

March 8, 2023

- 6:30 PM Personnel Meeting in Conference Room

THURSDAY

March 9, 2023

- 5:30 PM The Neighborhood Table
- 6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY

March 12, 2023- Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

GPC OFFICE HOURS :

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Welcoming all who seek to know God,
Glenshaw Presbyterian Church invites
individuals and families to join in our
journey of faith as we share the love of
Jesus Christ with one another, the
community, and the world.



The GPC Session

Sherry Martin, Clerk of Session

Class of 2023

Ann Carlson
Betty Miller
Bruce Raines
Deb Vita

Class of 2024

Alain Richardson
Brian Helfferich
April Klein
Chick Pfeiffer

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